

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:165
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2006
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR FARMERS
Thomas Shri P.C.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the National Commission on Farmers headed by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan has submitted its fifth and final report to the Government;
- (b) If so, the details thereof indicating the recommendations made therein ;
- (c) The reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) The time by which the National Policy for farmers is likely to be approved by the Government ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 165 DUE FOR REPLY ON 4TH DECEMBER, 2006.

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Fifth and Final Report deals, inter alia, with improving livelihood opportunities and income of farmers; attracting and retaining youth in agriculture; improving the competitiveness of Indian agriculture; and strengthening the coping capacity of farmers in an uncertain trade environment. The Report also contains a Revised Draft National Policy for Farmers which, inter alia, aims to improve economic viability of farming; mainstream the human and gender dimension in all farm policies; introduce a social security system for farmers; foster community-centred food, water and energy security system in rural India; strengthen biosecurity of crops, farm animals, fish and trees; make India a global outsourcing hub for supply of inputs needed for sustainable agriculture products of bio-technology and information and communication technology; and complete the unfinished agenda in land reform.

The recommendations made by the Commission are under active consideration of the Government. However, there are several programmes already under implementation on the lines recommended by the Commission.